

**Town of New Glarus
Parks Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 10, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Russ Whitacre, Ellen Caskey, Chris Reis, Chris Narveson @ 7:25 pm

Not in Attendance: Dana Emmerton, Andy Elkins, Pete Raskovic.

Also attending: Diane Ziehli, Deputy Clerk.

Meeting called to order by Chair Whitacre at 7:05 pm

1. **Proof of Posting** – confirmed by Diane Ziehli, Deputy Clerk.

2. **Approve Minutes** of April 12, 2012 Meeting – Motioned by Chris Narveson, 2nd by Ellen Caskey. Motion approved.

3. **Updates**

R. Whitacre commented on the Jerry Apps Barn Workshop that was held at the New Glarus High School on May 3, 2012. Approximately 25 people attended the presentation. Mr. Apps gave a wonderful and interesting presentation on the history of barns. A slide presentation was also included in the program. Mr. Apps spoke about barn history and barn preservation. He spoke about different types of barns, materials that were used. His book “Barns of Wisconsin” was the outline of the evening presentation. The different ethnic groups; German, Swedish, Norwegian, Swiss, built their traditional ethnic style barns, stone barns, round barns, traditional barns. The local New Glarus area features some of these barns in Mr. Apps book “Barns of Wisconsin”. The presentation ended with Mr. Apps signing autograph books from his published books.

4. **2nd Barn Workshop**- Chair Whitacre commented that more time, thought, and participation need to be addressed before the park committee plans the next up-coming barn workshop. The 2nd workshop is tentatively planning to have a barn contractor give his presentation to the public. No further discussion by the committee. Table till next meeting when all are in attendance to give their ideas and impute.

5. **Large Scale Stream Bank Map**- The parks committee has approved the laminating of the map to completed by Creative Laminating of Middleton, WI. Motioned by Chris Narveson, 2nd by Chris Reis, to approve a budget of up to \$100.00 for laminating the map. Motion carried.

6. **Continued discussion on Dog Park**- Discussion that Wisconsin State Parks do not allow dog parks/dog facilities on state parks property. State statutes mandate this from being allowed. Consider contacting local realtors about property locations that could accommodate a dog park. Possible property owners interested in designating land for the future dog park project. The comment was made that the future dog park should be self-sustaining; the public that uses the dog park helps keep the dog park going by buying dog park permits. The revenue received goes toward maintaining the dog park facility. Possible future sights for the dog park; property owned by Vet Randy Kruse of New Glarus, and the new Library location on the west edge of town that is open, undeveloped land.

7. **The annual Town Spring Clean-Up Day** was a good success. This year the local Cub Scouts helped with the clean-up event. Local community volunteers also came to help with the event. It was a successful day for everyone. Sandwiches and beverages were provided for everyone.

8. R. Whitacre reported that Park Member, Dana Emmerton attended the annual Arbor Day Tree Planting.

9. The next Joint Town/Village Parks Meeting is scheduled to meet June 6th, 2012.

Public Comments:

The New Glarus Brewery is sponsoring free Trolley rides for the summer tourist season here in New Glarus. The Trolley bus has various stops through-out the Village of New Glarus.

Chris Narveson commented on the road repairs being completed in the Town. The road repairs are being completed by Green County. The Town Sub-Divisions are the main concerns for the needed road repairs.

Reminder to everyone about the up-coming Green County UW-Extension drinking water testing on June 1st & 2nd. The New Glarus Town Hall is the place to pick up your sample bottles. Also drop off filled bottles on June 4th. Payment is required at the time you pick up sample water bottles. Checks made payable to Green County UW-Extension.

10. **Park Board Membership opening.** The Park's Chair position is expiring July 2012, seven year term. Russ Whitacre is leaving when his term is completed as of July 2012.

11. **The Alhornman Triathlon** is scheduled for the 1st Sunday in August 2012. Volunteers are needed the help with the triathlon. Volunteer and show your community support for this annual event.

12. **Next park meeting** scheduled for Thursday, June 14th @ 7pm.

Agenda for next meeting :

1. 2nd Barn Workshop
2. Stream Map
3. Dog Park
4. Alhornman Triathlon
5. Jt. Parks Meeting
6. Park Board Membership
7. Library Monetary Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm on a motion by Chris Narveson, 2nd by Ellen Caskey. Motion carried.

